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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 42nd, 44th, 45th and 46th meetings, on 16, 18, 19 and 22 December 1997. The observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions were presented orally by its Chairman. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/52/SR.42, 44, 45 and 46).

3. At its 46th meeting, the Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly approve the final budget appropriations for the biennium 1996-1997 in the amounts shown in schedule 1 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/52/32 and Corr.1) and the revised income estimates for the biennium 1996-1997, as shown in paragraph 32 of the report of the Secretary-General (see para. 6, draft resolution).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/52/L.20

4. At the 46th meeting, on 22 December 1997, the Chairman introduced a draft resolution entitled "Final budget appropriations for the biennium 1996-1997" (A/C.5/52/L.20).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.20 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

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Final budget appropriations for the biennium 1996-1997

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997,[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as presented orally;

2. Notes that the Advisory Committee has yet to review the ninth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System;[2]

3. Approves the recommendation of the Advisory Committee concerning the second performance report subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. Requests the Advisory Committee to examine the ninth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System in conjunction with its consideration of the related report of the Board of Auditors, and in this regard invites the Advisory Committee to report to the General Assembly on the matter at its resumed fifty-second session;

5. Decides that pending General Assembly consideration of the reports concerning the Integrated Management Information System at its resumed fifty-second session, the supplementary provision for the Integrated Management Information System of 3,000,000 United States dollars provided in the final appropriation for the biennium 1996-1997 should not be encumbered without the prior approval of the Advisory Committee;

6. Resolves that for the biennium 1996-1997:

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[1] A/C.5/52/32 and Corr.1.

[2] A/52/711.

(a) The amount of 2,603,280,900 dollars appropriated in its resolution 51/222 A of 18 December 1996 shall be decreased by 61,209,000 dollars as follows:

Section		Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/222 A	Increase/ (decrease)	Final appropriation
		(United States dollars)		
PART I.	OVERALL POLICY-MAKING DIRECTION AND COORDINATION			
1.	Overall policy-making direction and coordination	39 349 200	(648 000)	38 701 200
	Total, part I	39 349 200	(648 000)	38 701 200
PART II.	POLITICAL AFFAIRS			
2.	Political affairs	58 936 400	(2 423 900)	56 512 500
3.	Peacekeeping operations and special missions	135 505 300	17 265 300	152 770 600
4.	Outer space affairs	4 176 400	(49 700)	4 126 700
	Total, part II	198 618 100	14 791 700	213 409 800
PART III.	INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND LAW			
5.	International Court of Justice	19 985 900	171 800	20 157 700
6.	Legal activities	30 254 500	(580 400)	29 674 100
	Total, part III	50 240 400	(408 600)	49 831 800
PART IV.	INTERNATIONAL COOPÉRATION FOR DEVELOPMENT			
7A.	Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development	41 938 300	(277 700)	41 660 600
7B.	Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development	4 365 800	149 500	4 515 300
8.	Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis	47 276 200	(1 821 300)	45 454 900
9.	Department for Development Support and Management Services	26 811 400	576 300	27 387 700
10A.	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	110 226 300	(6 252 900)	103 973 400
10B.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT	22 326 600	(2 343 400)	19 983 200
11.	United Nations Environment Programme	8 231 100	(1 201 400)	7 029 700
12.	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	11 731 700	(150 800)	11 580 900
13.	Crime control	5 194 900	(740 200)	4 454 700
14.	International drug control	16 195 000	(909 700)	15 285 300
	Total, part IV	294 297 300	(12 971 600)	281 325 700

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		(United States dollars)		
PART V.	REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT			
15.	Economic Commission for Africa	82 360 900	(7 267 200)	75 093 700
16.	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	67 487 300	(6 313 000)	61 174 300
17.	Economic Commission for Europe	47 951 700	(4 429 300)	43 522 400
18.	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	82 515 400	(5 631 700)	76 883 700
19.	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	34 143 300	(171 800)	33 971 500
20.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	37 375 900	-	37 375 900
	Total, part V	351 834 500	(23 813 000)	328 021 500
PART VI.	HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS			
21.	Human rights	48 000 600	(2 746 400)	45 254 200
22.	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	50 139 100	(2 554 500)	47 584 600
23.	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	17 304 900	972 900	18 277 800
24.	Department of Humanitarian Affairs	18 955 500	(448 600)	18 506 900
	Total, part VI	134 400 100	(4 776 600)	129 623 500
PART VII.	PUBLIC INFORMATION			
25.	Public information	132 390 800	254 100	132 644 900
	Total, part VII	132 390 800	254 100	132 644 900
PART VIII.	COMMON SUPPORT SERVICES			
26.	Administration and management	916 081 500	(21 865 800)	894 215 700
	Total, part VIII	916 081 500	(21 865 800)	894 215 700
PART IX.	JOINTLY FINANCED ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EXPENSES			
27.	Jointly financed administrative activities	27 483 800	(738 600)	26 745 200
28.	Special expenses	41 350 400	1 384 100	42 734 500
	Total, part IX	68 834 200	645 500	69 479 700

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		(United States dollars)		
PART X.	OFFICE OF INTERNAL OVERSIGHT SERVICES			
29.	Office of Internal Oversight Services	15 011 500	(384 700)	14 626 800
	Total, part X	15 011 500	(384 700)	14 626 800
PART XI.	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES			
30.	Technological innovations	21 300 200	2 944 800	24 245 000
31.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	28 648 800	(2 117 800)	26 531 000
	Total, part XI	49 949 000	827 000	50 776 000
PART XII.	STAFF ASSESSMENT			
32.	Staff assessment	348 280 600	(12 859 000)	335 421 600
	Total, part XII	348 280 600	(12 859 000)	335 421 600
PART XIII.	INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY			
33.	International Seabed Authority	3 993 700	-	3 993 700
	Total, part XIII	3 993 700	-	3 993 700
	Grand total	2 603 280 900	(61 209 000)	2 542 071 900

(b) The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(c) In addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph (a) above, an amount of 51,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1996-1997 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

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Final income estimates for the biennium 1996-1997

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1996-1997:

(a) The estimates of income of 447,737,600 United States dollars approved in its resolution 51/222 B of 18 December 1996 shall be decreased by 28,700,100 United States dollars as follows:

Income section	Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/222 B	Increase or (decrease)	Final estimates
	(United States dollars)		
1. Income from staff assessment	363 496 600	(23 461 600)	340 035 000
Total, income section 1	363 496 600	(23 461 600)	340 035 000
2. General income	82 019 600	(6 143 300)	75 876 300
3. Services to the public	2 221 400	904 800	3 126 200
Total, income sections 2 and 3	84 241 000	(5 238 500)	79 002 500
Grand total	447 737 600	(28 700 100)	419 037 500

(b) The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973(X) of 15 December 1955;

(c) Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.